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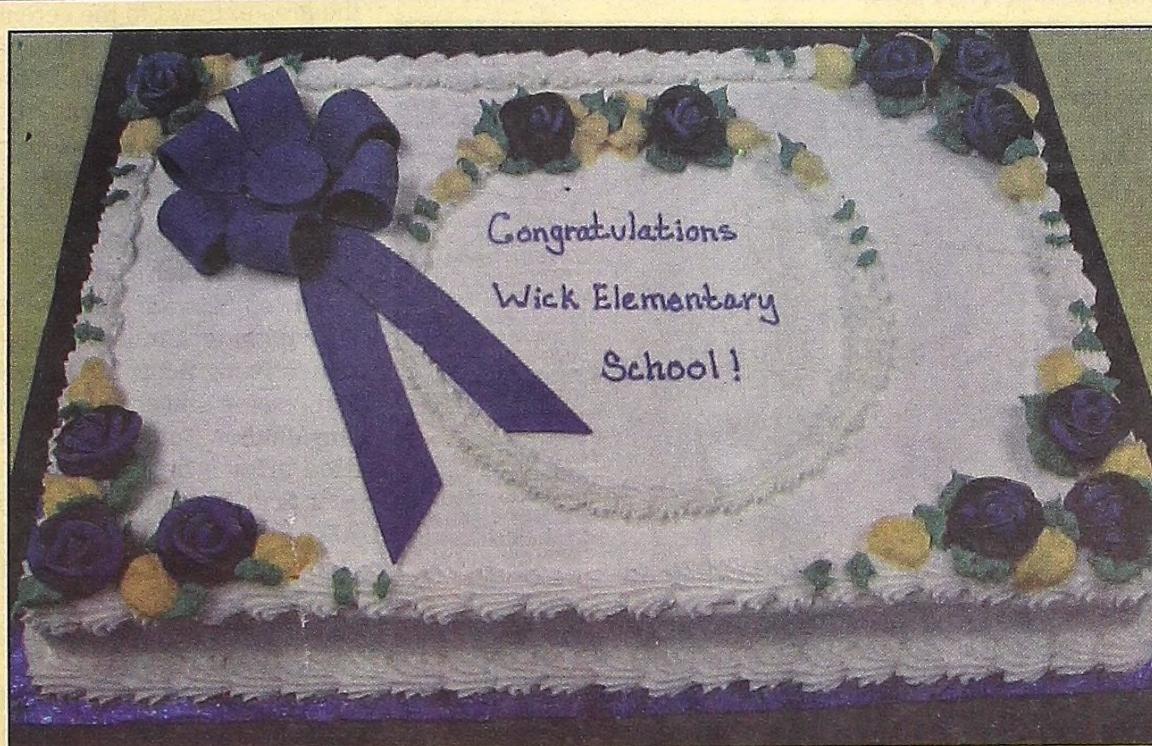
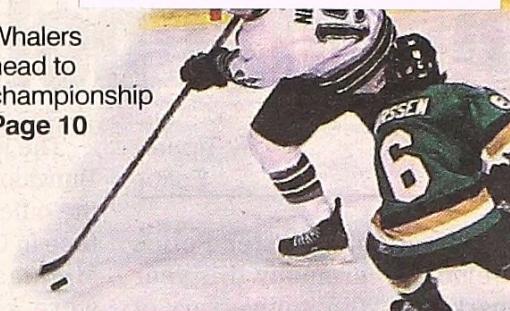
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Students and staffers enjoyed a tasty treat during the Blue Ribbon Ceremony last week.

School gets statewide award

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Wick Elementary School was officially awarded a Blue Ribbon at a ceremony last week.

Romulus Schools Superintendent Carl Weiss and Wick Principal Shavonna Johnson accepted the award from Kathleen Straus, the president of the state board of education.

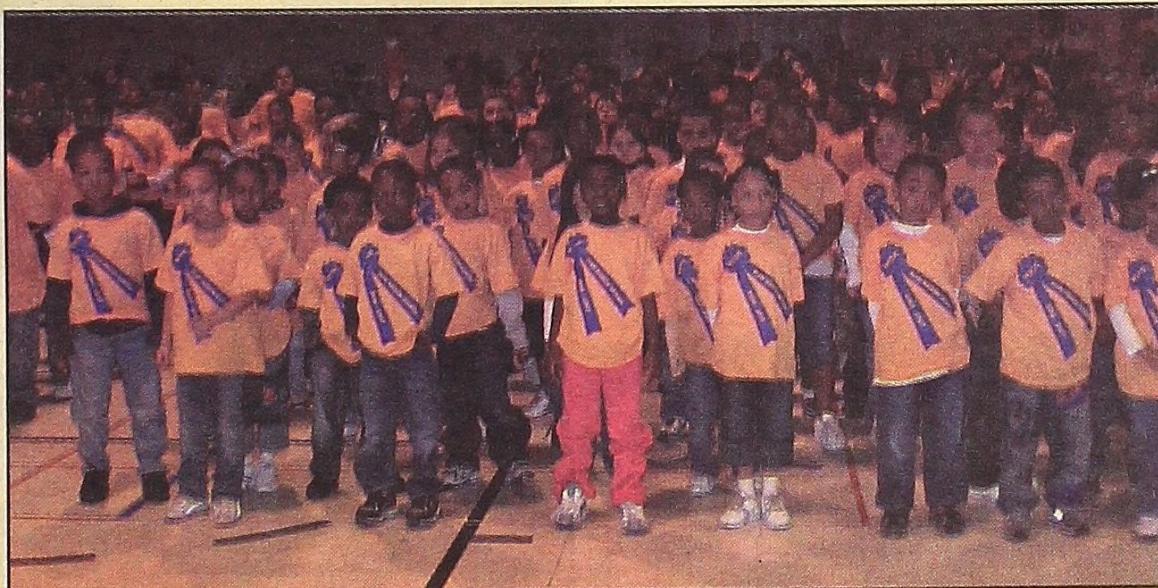
"I know that the building is getting the Blue Ribbon, but I told the staff members here that we have Blue Ribbon teachers. I really believe their commitment is the reason the school received this designation."

Wick was among 23 elementary schools that were singled out this year. Straus said the schools recognized are among the best the state has to offer in terms of quality.

"The Blue Ribbon program's selection committee chose these schools as meeting some very tough criteria in delivering quality education to their students," she said. "All these schools, their teachers, students, parents, and communities should be very proud of their accomplishment."

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Students each received a Blue Ribbon shirt for their role in the school Blue Ribbon designation.

Election turnout expected to be low

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

A fraction of the 16,000 registered voters are expected to decide the May 8 school board election in Romulus.

City Clerk Linda Choate said that turnout is typically low for school election, but the fact that

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on Tuesday.

there are three candidates seeking one, four-year term on the board may bring slightly more people to the polls.

"We've had elections in the past where one person – the incumbent – was running for a seat," she said. "This time, there

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Schools decry funding situation

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

School cuts that could be passed down from the state as early as June may instigate a host of unwanted situations at local districts.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm told school districts that cuts could be implemented at the rate of \$125 per student, which means the

The problem is that they're looking at this year – if they were looking at next year, at least we'd be able to plan.

Superintendent of Schools Carl Weiss

Romulus Community School District could lose about \$500,000 in funding. The cuts would take effect during summer school aid payments, which affect the current school year, said Bob Emerson, the director of the Michigan State Budget Office.

May 1 was the deadline for state legislators to come to an agreement on a school payment plan, but as of press time, no compromise was in sight.

Superintendent of Schools Carl Weiss said the cuts come at a difficult time because there is no time to shore up revenue through other means.

"The problem is that they're looking at this year – if they were looking at next year, at least we'd be able to plan," he said. "There's literally nothing we can do about this. We're at the state's mercy."

Weiss added that he felt it was possible that the state Legislature could come up with a solution to the funding prob-

Annual police memorial event is tomorrow

Molly Tippen
Editor

The annual Inkster Police Memorial ceremony this year marks the 20th anniversary of one of the most tragic incidents in the city.

The ceremony – which honors five police officers killed in the line of duty, will take place tomorrow at 10 a.m. in front of the old city hall building on River Park Drive and Inkster Road. Three of those officers were killed in a standoff at a local motel in 1987.

Ofc. Tony Abdallah, the organizer of the event, said the format will be similar to past events, but that the ceremony will recognize that it has been 20 years since officers Daniel Dubiel, 36, Clay Hoover, 24, and Sgt. Ira Parker, 41, were fatally shot by a woman and her three sons at the Bungalow Motel after the officers attempted to deliver a bad check warrant.

The deaths have been on the minds of many officers on the force, Abdallah said.

"It's important that we remember not only their sacrifice, but also (the sacrifice) of the other officers that have been killed in the line of duty," he said.

"This year, we're honoring three officers that died in the line of duty in Michigan since the last ceremony," he said.

The hours-long standoff at the Bungalow Motel that resulted in the officers' deaths was the first time in the history of the State of Michigan that three officers were killed during a single crime. The incident drew national and international media attention because of the loss of life.

In addition to Dubiel, Hoover and Parker, two other officers have been killed in Inkster: Ofc. Ken Woodmore was shot to death in 1994 by a known drug dealer, and Michigan State Police Officer Robert Gonser

was shot to death during an undercover operation in 1968.

In all, 14 children and countless other family members were affected by the murders.

Abdallah said this year, some other organizations have helped family members who live out of the area to travel to the ceremony. Frontier Airlines has donated an airline ticket to Laura Dubiel, the widow of Daniel Dubiel, so she can attend the event. Laura Dubiel now lives out of state.

"She will get a police escort from the airport to where she's staying," Abdallah said.

The officers remembered this year include: Chelsea Chief of Police Riley Scott Sumner, 43, and reserve officer and fire captain Matthew Tuttle, 28. The men died after a helicopter crash near Scio Township on April 13, 2006. Sumner had only been the chief of the small department for two years at the time of his death. Tuttle had worked for the city for 3 1/2 years.

Also honored will be Dearborn Heights Ofc. Jason Makowski, a 32-year-old officer who worked for the department for 11 years. He was fatally shot by a 61-year-old man after he responded to a call on Norbonne Street near Beech Daly and Joy roads. The man had been firing shots at Waste Management workers, and eventually shot at several officers.

Representatives from Wayne

County Executive Robert Ficano's office will be on hand, as well as several other local and state officials, Abdallah said.

The ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. and will last about an hour. The old city hall building is located at Inkster Road and River Park Drive.

A slideshow of photographs from the ceremony will be available for download at www.journalgroup.com/inkster on Friday afternoon.



This monument to slain Inkster police officers was put into place several years ago.

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Art show nets scholarship, prizes for Belleville teen

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Belleville High School was full of sweets and whole lot of art last weekend during the annual Belleville Area Council for the Arts scholarship art show and dessert gala.

The event offered treats from area restaurants, student artwork and music by the Belleville Community Chorus.

"It was a great turnout," said Pete Lazaroff, president of the arts council and superintendent of the Van Buren Public School District.

The group, along with the school district, hosts the annual program to recognize and encourage young artists and award scholarships and honors.

This year, the winner of \$1,000 scholarship for the high school senior with the best portfolio was Tina Nelson. A \$500 savings bond was also presented to the Best of Show—Keri Riley, a senior at Belleville High School—as well as awards for first, second, third and honorable mentions for the more than 1,000 art pieces. Merit ribbons were given to all grade levels.

Art professionals did the formal judging, while the arts council also invited celebrity judges from the media, government and area businesses.

"The formal judging results produced an anomaly this year," said Phil Miller, treasurer of the arts council. "The third place winner of the senior class was determined by a single judge. However, when the judging committee returned their results for the best in show, that piece was deemed as the best in show based on a number of factors, like originality, subject matter and material selection."

Christopher Walker, an eighth grader at North Middle School, said this was his first time in the exhibition.

"I think my artwork turned out good," he said.

So did his mother, Jean Walker.

"He brings home a lot of his art work. I display them all," she said.

Katelyn Martin, a fifth grader at Edgemont Elementary, isn't new to the art show. She's received an honorable mention for her prior work and this year decided to display her "Disco Dude" painting.

"It just came to me. I thought

it was funny," she said.

"She's been in this the last three years and we're very proud of her," said her mother Christine Martin.

Other pleased parents included Jerry and Sue Waldecker. Their daughter, Catherine, participated for the first time in the event after transferring from a Catholic school.

"Everything in this school district is new to her, but she loves it," said Jerry Waldecker. "The show was great and displayed a wide and diverse talent base."

News in brief

Little League fundraiser set

A Texas Hold 'Em tournament is in the cards to benefit the Romulus Little League organization.

The money earned during the event will help pay for equipment for the team.

Tournament prizes will be at least \$500.

The event will take place at 11 a.m. May 20 at the Romulus Lanes, 37452 W. Huron River Dr.

All positions paid will be based on the number of tickets sold.

Tickets cost \$60 per person. A meal is included in the price.

To purchase tickets or for more information, call (734) 913-3646.

VFW hosts flea market

VFW Post 3323 will host an outdoor flea market from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday. Parking space-sized spots are available for \$25 each. Table rentals are \$10 per table, if needed. A limited number of spaces are available.

The Harris-Kehrer VFW Post 3323 is located at 1055 South Wayne Road between Cherry Hill and Palmer roads.

For more information, call Richard Eberhart at (734) 812-7978.

Sheriff's department offers women-only gun class

The Wayne County Sheriff's Department will host a class specifically for women interested in receiving a permit to carry a concealed weapon between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. on May 12.

The first half of the day will consist of classroom-based instruction at the Sheriff's

Training Center in Belleville while the second half will feature firearms training at the indoor pistol range in Westland. Guns and ammunition will be provided; attendees must provide specific eye and ear protection and cleaning kits.

The cost of the program is \$125. The class is a gun safety class only and completion of the program does not guarantee the approval of individual CCW permits. To register for the class, 734-699-6008.

Caregivers information offered

The Inkster Commission on Aging will host a senior caregiver forum next week to help people learn more about issues that affect the elderly.

The forum is designed to meet the needs of both elderly individuals and those charged with the responsibility of caring for them. Professionals will be on-hand to answer questions.

The forum is free of charge, but pre-registration is required.

The forum will take place from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Friday, May 11, at the Booker Dozier Recreation Complex. Transportation will be provided upon request.

The recreation complex is located at 2025 Middlebelt Road.

For more information, or to register, call (313) 561-2382.

Schools

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lem that would spare the schools.

Barring that, the district is looking at other means to make up the funding gap.

"We can't just go in and lay off school teachers to make up for this," Weiss said. "How can we go into a classroom and tell students and parents that your third grade teacher will not be returning?"

There are several ways the district will be able to keep programs moving ahead throughout the end of this school year. The most feasible of these – if the cuts come to pass – is a short-term bank loan, Weiss said.

"Many districts are looking at other solutions like closing the schools early, and we won't do that," he said. "We're not going to do something that's disruptive for parents, or anything that would punish students."

A loan is not something new to

Romulus Schools, and has become common in this day of funding cuts. The last time Romulus Schools had to take out a loan to get through the end of the school year was about two years ago. The loan would pay for day-to-day programming and salaries, Weiss said.

The state School Aid Fund is in deficit by at least \$377 million, despite cuts undertaken by the state.

Emerson, in a letter sent to superintendents to warn them of

potential cuts, said the cuts are the result of the inability of the state Legislature to come up with a solution for the deficit.

"While I remain hopeful that the Legislature will eventually enact some changes to reduce the school aid budget shortfall, we cannot wait much longer for a solution to this serious problem."

Weiss said he hopes the state Legislature is able to come up with a budget solution that adequately funds schools.

"The most feasible thing for

children is for the state to provide the funds they said they would," he said. "I don't think many households could get by if an employer said they weren't going to provide this week's paycheck."

Romulus Community Schools educates about 4,200 students. They are already considering the layoff of an undisclosed number of teachers and other staff members for the 2007-08 school year.

Staff Writer Meghan Chatham contributed to this report.

Election

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are more people running. At the same time, there are no ballot proposals, so we expect the turnout to be fairly low."

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, and results should be available shortly after the polls close, Choate said.

The three people seeking election to the available board seat include:

Niema White, an incumbent board member and Headstart coordinator. White was first appointed to the board five years ago after the death of another board member left a vacancy on the seven-member body. She was elected to the board a year later, and is seeking another term.

Danielle Funderburg, a former parent coordinator and a volunteer with

the schools, is also making a second attempt for the seat. Last year, Funderburg made a positive showing at the polls, but was ultimately unable to unseat incumbents Ken Mienkiewicz and Celeste Roscoe.

Sandra Crout, who is a first-time candidate for public office, is the financial director of the 34th District Court in Romulus. Crout is also a familiar face in the city and an avid volunteer for several local charities. She is the wife of City Councilman Harry Crout.

School board members are elected on a rotating basis in Romulus. Choate said that, barring a local special election or a countywide special election, there will be no more elections until May 2008.

Council members will not again face an election until 2009.

Anyone with questions about the election is asked to call the Romulus City Clerk's office at (734) 942-7540.



Sandra Crout



Danielle Funderburg



Niema White

Ribbon

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board in 1982, the Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary School Program recognizes schools that demonstrate a strong commitment to educational excellence and significant academic improvement over five years. Schools must complete a comprehensive report of key criteria for school effectiveness that serves as a basis for an extensive assessment of their building and programs.

The requirements are indeed extensive.

The State Board of Education stipulates that awardees must have made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) as required by the federal No Child Left Behind law, have a Michigan Education YES! School Report Card grade of A or B; and not have a Native

American-based school mascot, nickname, or logo. Schools must also be able to prove that they have made strides in parent involvement and that they offer valuable after-school activities for students.

Johnson said putting the application together for the designation was a long process for her and about 12 other staff members.

"We met several times over the summer and e-mailed each other frequently," she said. "We had several committees that gathered data and wrote parts of the application."

After the application was submitted, a peer review took place. The review committees and site visit teams are composed of teachers and administrators from previously recognized Blue Ribbon Schools. Reports from the site visits, along with the extensive research and data provided by the schools, are considered by

the selection committee.

Johnson said all of the hard work has paid off.

"We're glad to be recognized for what we offer," she said.

Part of what put Wick over the top for the award was the parent involvement programs, which encourage parents of the more than 330 students to commit to volunteer in the schools.

During the formal presentation at the school, several dignitaries or designees turned out to cheer the school on. Representatives for State Sen. Ray Basham (D-Taylor) were in attendance, as was State Rep. Hoon Yung-Hopgood (D-Taylor).

Wick Elementary was one of three schools in Wayne County to receive a Blue Ribbon. The others were Walker-Winter Elementary School, which is part of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, and the Detroit Edison Public School Academy.

OPINION

Our vote goes to

The deadline is nigh for candidates in local school board elections and for municipalities seeking taxing answers.

On Tuesday, voters across Michigan will weigh in on the school board candidates who will serve their community for the next four years.

In the Westwood Community School District, there are three hopefuls vying for two open seats. They are incumbent Sandra Rich and first-time challengers Catherine Garcia-McDonnell and Leslie Eastman.

Rich did not respond to several attempts to be interviewed about her accomplishments and goals for the next four years.

As an incumbent, she's probably qualified to continue her service. However, we like the experience that Garcia-McDonnell would bring to the seat.

A retired teacher with more than 30 years of experience in the district, she's easily well-acquainted with the issues facing a relatively small school district. She's seen the impact of budget decisions on the other side of the equation—as a practitioner—and we think that will provide a handy perspective to the board. Her idea to look at why enrollment is declining in order to reverse that trend—and therefore bring in more revenue—is spot-on.

Voters in the Westwood District also face the renewal of a sinking fund millage on May 8. These are local funding mechanisms that allow districts to pay for large ticket maintenance and renovation projects that would otherwise have to be funded through the general fund. Nobody likes taxation, but we think this is a necessity for the overall health of the district. It is not an additional tax—merely a continuation of an existing one—and it will ensure that general fund dollars are spent where they should be: in the classroom.

Romulus

There are three residents interested in filling a single four-year term on the Romulus Public School Board. They are Niema White, an incumbent, Sandra Crout, a newcomer and Danielle Funderburg, who ran for the position in the last election.

We think all are strong candidates—it's particularly nice to see Funderburg continue her involvement in the district and show political aspirations there—but White should win the race by virtue of her school board experience.

Despite their diverse backgrounds, the candidates all had similar ideas about what needed to be done within the district. White, who was appointed for a one-year term and re-elected for a four-year term—has the advantage of trying to put these practices in action and dealing directly with district issues.

Her desire to pursue a more open Schools of Choice program is important, too. Nobody likes the fact that school districts have to compete against each other, but that's the reality in this day and age. Busing students in from other municipalities means you're busing in funding, too.

Van Buren

Three candidates are seeking two open seats in the Van Buren Public School District. Martha Toth and Rob Coutts are incumbents, Bob Binert is not.

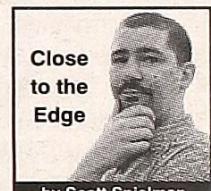
We think Toth and Binert are the best choices to lead the district going forward.

Toth has been a staunch advocate for the school district throughout her tenure and an activist for school issues on a broader scale. She's served the educational community well, and the Van Buren District particularly. She clearly deserves another term on the board.

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Not the time for raises



Last week, Wayne City Council members got their first real look at the budget proposed for the 2007-2008 fiscal year.

It contains, among other things, funding for a new fire truck and some new police cars and money for pay raises for city department heads.

I will never argue against needed expenditures that will help our public safety personnel do their jobs better and promote safety for themselves as well as residents.

Pay increases for department heads are another matter entirely, though. This is not the right time for that.

It's a shame, too. I know them all, talk with them fairly regularly and I believe they're all a hard-working bunch. I wouldn't question the dedication they show for their respective departments or the city as a whole. In fact I've often thought that the city is lucky for the dedication they have shown to their jobs and their community, since most city department heads could make more money elsewhere.

I understand the justification for the increases, too, and the loyalty and qualifications of the

department heads is only a part of it. They have, in many ways, led the charge in cutting costs in the city. They've taken

pay freezes in two of the past four years. They've volunteered to pay more for their own health care costs—the one issue that is truly killing municipalities and business in general here in Michigan. It's because of these and other cost-cutting measures that the city is now in a shape to grant them salary increases in the first place. That's probably the most encouraging sign of all.

In short, the money is there and the people may deserve it, but that doesn't mean it should happen.

Next week, voters will decide on Proposal 1, a 1-mill levy for 25 years to fix city roads and sidewalks. Putting through salary increases—however minimal they may turn out to be—at virtually the same time you want to tax the people for road and sidewalk improvements doesn't send a very good message to voters.

It's the message I'm concerned about, more

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Let's term-limit voter apathy

What about school board member term limits?

During election season, the idea usually is discussed. People either get tired of the way things are going in the school district or fed-up with the candidates who are seeking office and suggest that maybe, just maybe, the answer is to instill this "time limit."

Except there's one huge problem: I don't see anyone jumping at the chance to run for the school board in the first place. At least not in the Van Buren Public School District.

For the last few years I've covered the school board elections, there's been a dwindling lack of interest in the election, whether it's running as a candidate or even just going to the polls to vote.

In 2004, there were five candidates for the two open seats and only about 1,500 voters who went to the polls. The top candidate concerns of the year were school funding, facilities and the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) scores.

For 2005, it was much the same: two candidates for the one open seat, but a little better turnout of voters with about 1,800 people. The issues were the budget, school programs and the MEAP scores, once again.

And then last year, things seemed to get worse. There were only two candidates, for two open board seats and only about 930 votes total. The top concerns didn't change either: school programs, student achievement and the need for facility

upgrades.

To sum up basically, the same old, same old, which leads me to believe that's why people always come back to school board term limits. But is that really the answer?

On the plus side, term limits could bring a fresh, new perspective to the school district, something that is always welcome in struggling economic times.

On the flip side though, experience and knowledge of the past (such as the incumbents') is beneficial so that things can be solved for the future, particularly in tough times. Why would anyone want to force the incumbents out, especially if they're doing well on the job and have the most effective leadership, but have to leave just because their time is up.

Part of a democracy is getting your voice heard, but if you don't even bother to show up at the school board meetings, take a chance to run in an election or even just get out and vote, then I don't think people should be complaining. Yes, the decision on school board term limits should be up to the voters, but how about starting simple and showing up at the election polls this year.

A term limit may 'get-rid' of the old, but not necessarily bring in the best of the new. I think that in the end, the disadvantages might outweigh the advantages.

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Flying high

Expo offers look at aviation careers

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Anyone interested in 'soaring' to new heights is invited to join the Michigan Institute of Aviation and Technology in Belleville for the second aviation expo.

The free event will take place from noon to 7 p.m. on May 8 to offer more than 80 vendors, aviation organizations, school program information and military branches.

Amy Kienast, director of career services for the institute, said the expo will offer opportunities for people to explore aviation careers and make it affordable to them, as well.

"We're looking for all types of candidates. Contrary to some companies who are having trouble, there is a huge need for candidates and employees," she said. "We've also extended the hours so people can come after work or school."

According to school officials, the Michigan Institute of Aviation and Technology has been producing graduates and setting the standard for aviation technology training for almost 40 years. The result, they said, is some of the finest technicians and dispatchers working in the industry today.

"Aviation maintenance technicians and dispatchers are in high demand," said Kevin Burchett, director of the school. "Job openings exist across the U.S. and around the world."

Kienast said aviation companies from Michigan and all over the U.S. will be looking to fill a variety of positions such as accountants, pilots, technical writers, mechanics, flight attendants, engineers, customer service personnel and more.

"We're going to have our largest class ever this year and enrollment continues to increase," she said. "Also, veterans can come and look for work, too. This is an event not to miss if you're interested in aviation or aerospace."

The all-day expo will include training information and on-site interviews. The Michigan

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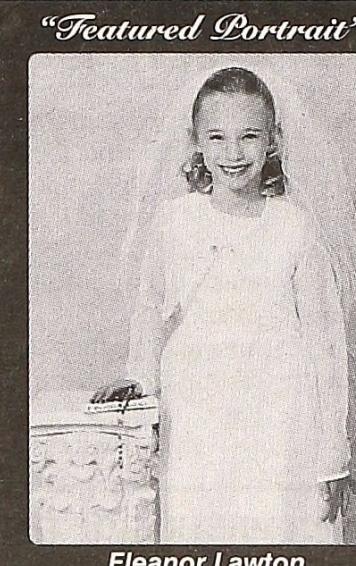
Kevin Burchett

Department of Labor and Economic Growth, Project Move, Michigan Works, Eastern Michigan University, Washtenaw County Workforce Development, the Yankee Air Museum, area chambers and the Veteran's Employment Specialists are expected to participate.

"We're pleased to host an event where we can help veterans coming home and displaced workers that would like help with other career avenues," said Burchett. "It's an exciting industry where people only see a few positions. They don't see all the makings and opportunities."

Along with aviation organizations, the expo will also include an integrated de-icing system truck display, an airforce F-16 plane and other activities and hands-on displays for school trips, Kienast said.

"It's a great way for teachers to expose the field to students at a young age and get them interested," she said. For more information about the event, contact Kienast at 1(800) 447-1310 or visit www.miat.edu.



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Animal group donates masks

The Friends of the Michigan Animal Rescue in Belleville will donate pet oxygen masks to area fire departments.

The organization has purchased five sets to donate to the Belleville, Sumpter Township and Van Buren Township fire departments for pet safety. The board of directors, which includes president Pete

LaFramboise, vice-president Marcia LaFramboise, treasurer Connie Swinney, secretary Linda Luke, web coordinator Bill Jacobs and grant fundraiser Kathryn McLaughlin, feel it's an important way to show the commitment to the mission of promoting a healthy and safe environment for pets and people, they said.

any one significant road project, let alone the many that are needed throughout the city.

This is just a different time. We can no longer count on getting what we deserve just because we all make sacrifices in support of the bigger picture. If it's any consolation, there are thousands of other well-qualified, hard-working people out there who deserve to be making more money, too.

It's certain that he'll get re-elected or because he simply doesn't care to get his message out. We don't like it, either way.

Voters will face important decisions when they go to the polls on Tuesday. In the Westwood District, they should select **Catherine Garcia-McDonnell**; in Romulus, **Niema White**; in Van Buren, **Martha Toth** and **Bob Binert**.

Last week, endorsements in Wayne-Westland were published. We think the strongest candidates—by far—there are incumbents **Martha Pitsenbarger** and **Lorne 'Skip' Monit**. Voters in the City of Wayne were also recommended to **approve Proposal 1**, a 1-mill road and sidewalk improvement millage.

Remember to vote on Tuesday.

Choices

FROM PAGE 4

than anything else. I know that keeping department head salaries the same as they are now won't generate enough money to fix the roads and sidewalks—far from it. It will help save some money, true, but probably not enough to take on

Binert has proved he deserves another shot at the board, too. He served on the board from 2000-2004, and that experience will serve him well. We like his focus on getting more parents involved; it could be the key to any successful bond campaign, since more involvement will bring about a greater sense of pride and ownership.

Coutts is currently serving on the board, but hasn't responded to several attempts to contact him. We're not sure if that's because he thinks, as an incumbent,

Sheriff plans gun safety classes for women in area

The Wayne County Sheriff's Department will host a women's only concealed weapon safety class from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on May 12 at the training center, located at 9555 Haggerty Road in Belleville.

Women who wish to obtain a permit to carry a concealed weapon will have a chance to receive the required safety training as a group, according to Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans.

"We are seeing an increasing number of women who, for business or personal reasons, are choosing to carry a concealed weapon," he said. "We thought that having a women's only class would make for a more comfortable environment since some of the women attending might be there because of stalking or domestic violence issues involving men."

The first half of the class will be class-

room-based instruction, while the second half will consist of firearms training at the sheriff's indoor pistol range, located at 3100 Henry Ruff in Westland. Required equipment for the class includes shooting eyeglasses, headset ear protection, a cleaning kit for 9mm and .38 caliber firearms, along with suggested warm, loose clothing, officials said. Guns and ammunition will be provided by the sheriff's office.

Completion of the class does not guarantee that each individual application for a concealed weapon license will be approved by the Wayne County Gun Board, according to officials.

The cost is \$125. Payments should be in the form of money order made payable to the Wayne County Sheriff's Office. For more information or to register, contact the training center at (734) 699-6008.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD APRIL 9, 2007 IN THE ROMULUS CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem Randolph Gear. **Present:** John Barden, Ellen Craig-Bragg, LeRoy Burcroff, Harry Crout, William Crova, Randolph Gear, William Wadsworth.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Alan Lambert, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, Clerk

1. Motion by Crova, supported by Bragg to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-098

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held April 2, 2007.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes- Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-099

3A1. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to approve PC-2006-045/046 Aeroplex Three, special land use request to establish a 260,000 square foot large (truck oriented) warehouse facility, located in an MT-2, Industrial Transportation 2 District, on a 20.50+ acre parcel on the southwest corner of Hildebrandt and Inkster Roads (DP# 82-80-052-99-0016-700), consistent with the recommendations of the City Planner memorandum dated March 1, 2007 subject to the waivers and conditions as follows:

Waivers:

1. A waiver to allow the sidewalk and retaining wall within the 50 foot wide required setback along Hildebrandt and Inkster Roads as shown on the sit plan.
2. A waiver to the fence requirement along Hildebrandt and Inkster Roads.
3. A waiver to the berm and landscaping requirements of the Zoning Ordinance along Inkster Road and portions of Hildebrandt Road with substitute material as provided on the site plan.

Conditions:

1. Site Plan Approval
2. Notation of all waivers on the site plan.
3. Additional tree preservation along Inkster Road where practical.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-100

4A1. Motion by Crout, supported by Crova to adopt a memorial resolution to the family of Edna Militz.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-101

4A2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Barden pursuant to Section 3 of 2006 Public Act 480, MCL 484.3303 ("Act 480"), hereby authorize the Mayor and Clerk of the City of Romulus, to enter into the Video Service Local Franchise Agreement for AT&T Michigan; and for the City to implement the 5% fee under Section VI, and implement the 2% PEG fees under VIII of the Act as to all cable providers and all Communities/City's or Townships that utilize or access the City of Romulus' Public Access Channels.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously

07-102

4A3. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to authorize Mayor and Clerk City Attorney, Kevin Watts to execute a Stipulation to Entry of the Consent Judgment by Court with Creekside Development LLC.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-103

5A1. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to concur with the recommendation of Purchasing Coordinator, Lynn Conway and Sharon Raftary, Computer Services Director and award Bid 06/07-21, for the hosting, maintenance, and content management for the City Website to the lowest qualified bidder, ZenaComp, Inc. for a one year maintenance contact for initial set up, maintenance contact, website, content, design and support service charges in the amount of 17,535 with a two year extension provided both parties can mutually agree.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-104

5B. Motion by Crova, supported by Bragg to concur with the recommendation of Finance Director, Debra Hoffman, and authorize a \$10.00 per hour increase in the hourly rate for Steven Schwartz, the City Labor Attorney.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-105

5C. Motion by Barden, supported by Crout to introduce Budget Amendment 06/07-25:

FUND/DEPT.	ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDED AMENDMENT	BUDGET
State-Narcotics Forfeiture					
Expense	268-3720-738.73-05	Operating Supplies	171,853	40,000	211,853
Fund Balance	268-0000-390.00-00	Fund Balance	103,578	(40,000)	63,578

To continue the narcotics covert operations of the police department.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-106

5D. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crout to concur with the recommendation of Tom Wilson, DPW Director and authorize the purchase of parts for in - house repairs to dump truck #107, cost not to exceed \$1,955.08.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-107

11. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to authorize the Treasurer of the City of Romulus to disburse funds as listed in Warrant 07-07 in the total amount of Four Hundred, Sixty Seven Thousand, One Hundred Eighty Eight Dollars and Sixty Four Cents (\$467,188.64).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Abstain - Crova.

Motion Carried.

12. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Bragg to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

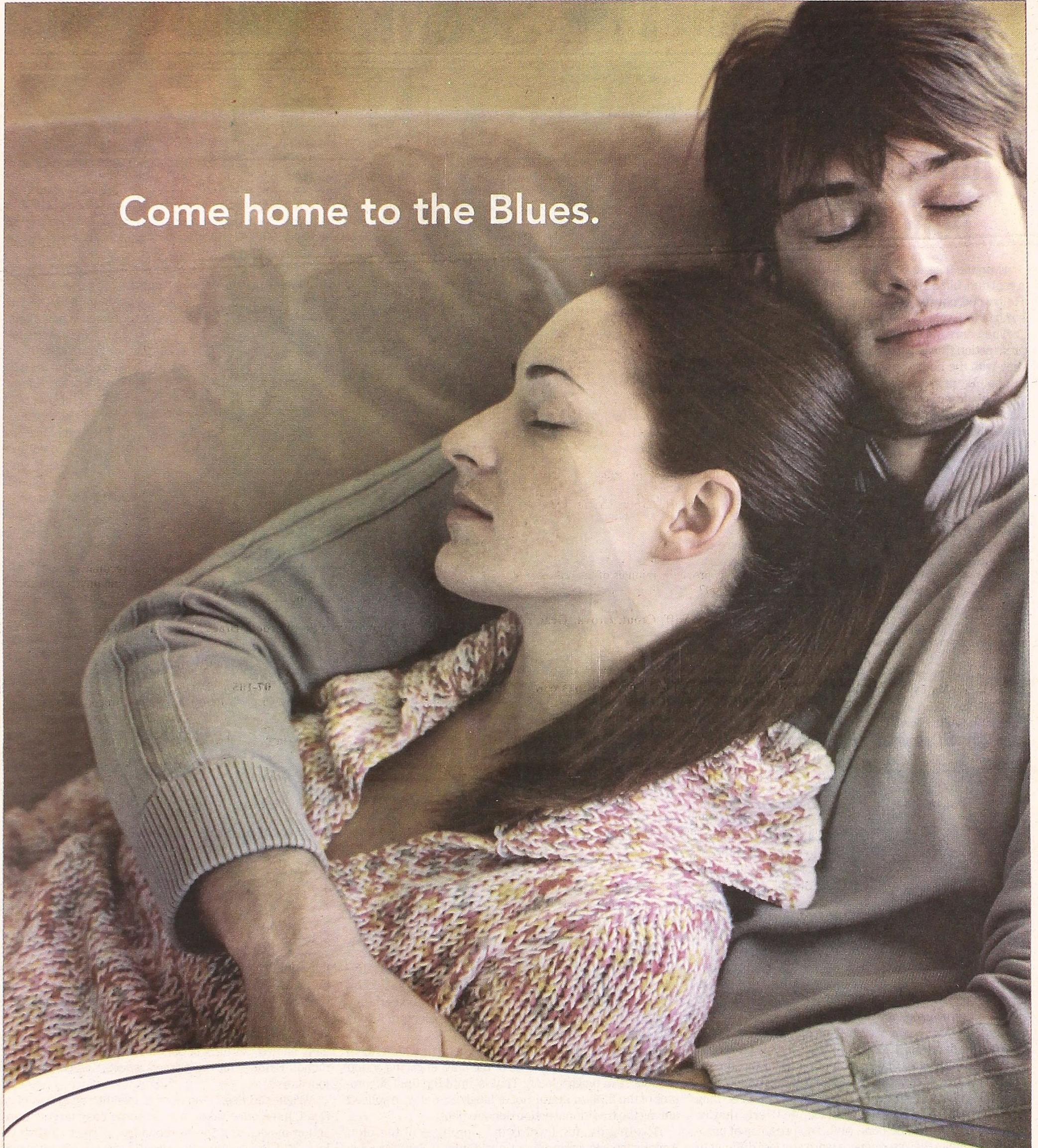
Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Choate, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, City Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held April 9 2007.

Linda R. Choate, City Clerk
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THE SCENE

Film takes a frantic, fun filled look at police officers

Even the biggest fans of action movies are able to spot a real dud, but on the whole it's hard to deny most of what Hollywood churns out summer after summer is virtual straight-to-DVD pabulum.

The genre will never die, of course, but it's not the great action films keeping it alive. It's those average films that, with the help of a booming soundtrack and a generous helping of break-neck editing, are good enough to justify their tossing to the sometimes finicky movie-going public. We'll accept the character clichés, the cheesy dialogue, the plot holes—all in the name of a good time.

Sometimes, a lame movie finds a big audience. Often, its destiny is lifelong storage in the grocery store bargain bins.

In *Hot Fuzz*, the new British play on and tribute to buddy cop action flicks, we meet Police Constable Dan Butterman (Nick Frost), who returns to those bins during his rounds in the village of Sandford. The videos are not only escape for Butterman; they define what it means to be a real policeman.

Police work isn't that way, though, he learns from his new partner, Sgt. Nicholas Angel (Simon Pegg). Angel tells hapless Butterman that "policeman" is a sexist word—the correct term, he remarks instinctively is "police officer."

Later, Angel watches *Point Break* with Butterman, and then informs him:

"Well, I wouldn't argue that that was a no-holds-barred, adrenalin-fuelled thrill ride, but there is no way you can perpetrate that amount of carnage and mayhem and not incur a considerable amount of paperwork."

That quite sums up Angel, who is doing his job in London so well at the beginning of the film that his superiors send him to Sandford for fear of looking bad by comparison.

To Angel, police work is not at all like the movies. Rules and regulations call him back to reality, the other is the toll it takes on his relationships. He's actually been wounded in the line of duty, and he dreads touching his firearm. The police force—correction, "service"—is nothing glamorous.

But *Hot Fuzz* operates within the action genre, so it nevertheless tries to glamorize. The close-ups, whizzing pans (with a staggering array of "whish" and "boom" sound effects) and jump-cuts move booking a few youths for underage drinking.

Often in this excellently composed movie, we find co-writers Pegg and Edgar Wright (who also directed) aren't simply indulging in a genre parody: they're riffing on Hollywood packaging, calling attention to all those post-production tricks that lull us into thinking a movie was worth the ticket price. At the same time, it's clear they love action movies, at least in principle. Here, they're showing it really can be done well. The presence of parody doesn't mean these sequences were any less difficult to pull off.



Reviewed By
Kevin Hill
Staff Writer

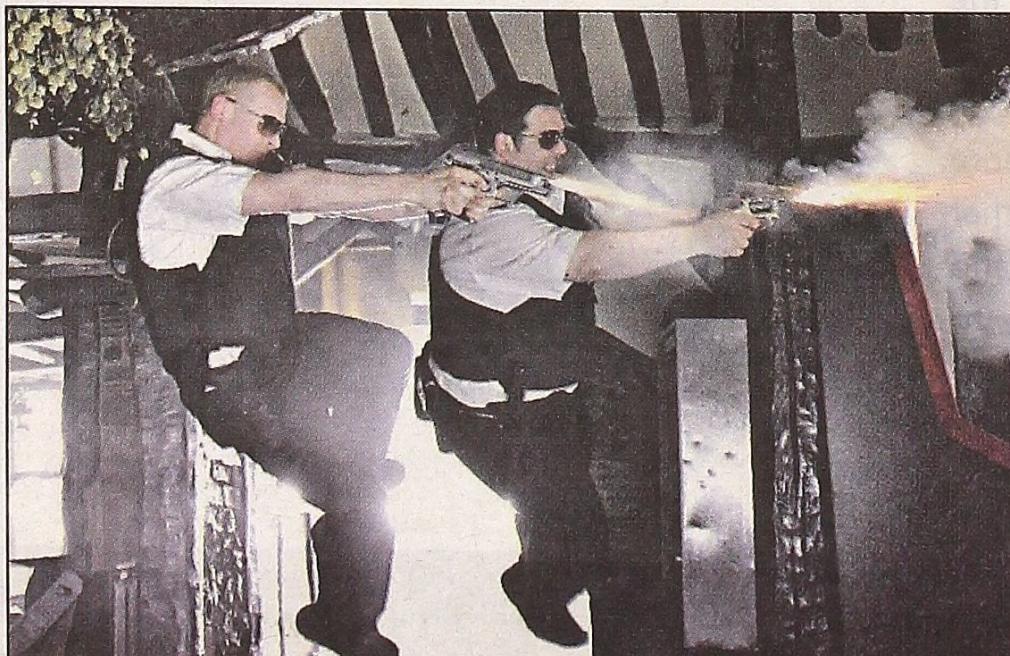
All that, and of course, the plentiful amount of dirty jokes and the spot-on acting of the ensemble makes *Hot Fuzz* one of the best movies so far this year, and certainly the most interesting action film to come along in a long time.

It's a sad commentary when the scene in which Angel runs down a shoplifter is one of the most engaging action sequences in movies lately. That is, until the final 30 minutes of the film—a literal riot of laughter and gore spliced among the traditional action denouement.

Boosting the fun-level is the simplicity of the plot: Angel suspects some recent accidents in Sandford are actually foul play. The rest of the town thinks he can't get

the crime-laden London beat out of his head. He thinks he's surrounded by fools: every one at the police department eats cake and ice cream all day, the evidence room is covered in ancient layers of dust. Soon enough, it's clear something sinister is going on among the appropriately-named citizenry of Sandford (sample character surnames: Skinner for the prime suspect, Messenger for the journalist).

Wright and Pegg, who worked together on *Shaun of the Dead*, have once taken aim at some easy targets here: action movies and the stereotypical perfect English village. But rarely does the shooting come off with such clever precision and brilliant buffoonery.



College leader has 'best of both worlds'

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Maddie Diedo, a registered nurse and teacher with the Wayne County Community College District, said she would never admit to how many years she's been a nurse.

What she will admit to, however, is the love she has for her occupation and teaching.

"It's like telling people your weight. Let's just say I've been a nurse a long time," she said. "I've always had an interest in helping others and science and math led me to this field."

"It's wonderful for me," Diedo added. "I enjoy nursing and teaching and I have the best of both worlds."

After high school, Diedo went straight into nursing. She worked in the emergency and intensive care areas, which she said is not like it is today.

In between nursing jobs, she worked as a medical legal consultant and went back to school and earned an undergraduate degree at Madonna University and a graduate degree at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. Now, her role as a nurse is very involved in her teaching, she said.

"I enjoy passing knowledge along," said Diedo. "It can be difficult working with the sick, but it's also very humbling and rewarding to offer help to others that need it through an illness."

Diedo, who was the first nursing instructor at the Wayne County Community College District, said throughout the years she has witnessed growth at both the college and in the program.

"We started with 17 students in the program and just kept growing," she said. "I think that's what's nice about ours is that there's no waiting list, which there is at most schools. We're always working at full potential in capacity."

Students also get placed fairly quickly after graduation, too, she said.

"Some are here for a second career, some aren't, but all are very enthusiastic to learn and are motivated," Diedo said. "It's enjoyable to work with such dedicated students looking to enrich their lives."

In the classroom, Diedo teaches the foundation of nursing, lectures, labs, nursing math, physical assessment, pharmacology and medical surgical nursing. Her most important role, though, is passing along her passion for the career.

"I always knew this is what I wanted to do and it's turned out to be everything I've hoped for," said Diedo. "I really try to impress the basic principles of taking care of a patient. The students keep me motivated, too, because they're eager to learn. I want to give them as much as I can."



Maddie Diedo, a registered nurse at Garden City Hospital, has been a nursing instructor for the Wayne County Community College District since 1999.

Question Box

What is the best piece of advice you can give?

If you've ever dreamt about a career as a nurse, there's no better time than now to pursue the dream, particularly because of the shortage in nurses and nursing instructors.

What are your hobbies?

Shopping, gardening and swimming for the United States Masters Swimming.

What is your favorite kind of music?

I like all music.

What are you most proud of?

I'm happy that I can do what I was meant to do in life.

My childhood dream was to be?

...a good person.

When nobody's looking I like to...

...rest.

Social studies students compete

Students Michael Puckett, Jason Johnston and Brittany Snyder from Belleville High School recently participated in the 21st annual Michigan Social Studies Olympiad at Romulus High School.

Students from throughout Michigan entered academic competitions in a variety of events. The purpose of the competition was to increase student and teacher interest in social studies and provide recognition for academic accomplishments of the caliber achieved by athletic competition.

The Michigan Council for the Social Studies sponsored the Olympiad, along with the teacher sponsor Michael Koebbe. The office of Gov. Jennifer Granholm and the Michigan State Board of Education recognize the Michigan Social Studies Olympiad as a statewide social studies event.

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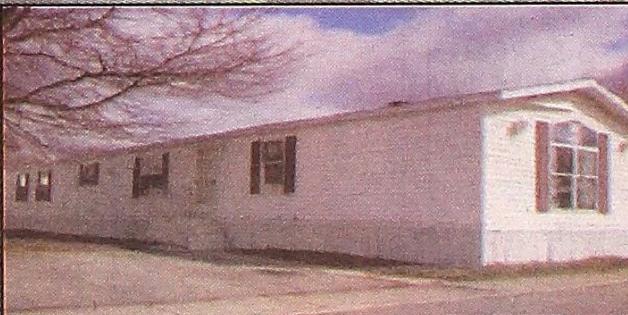
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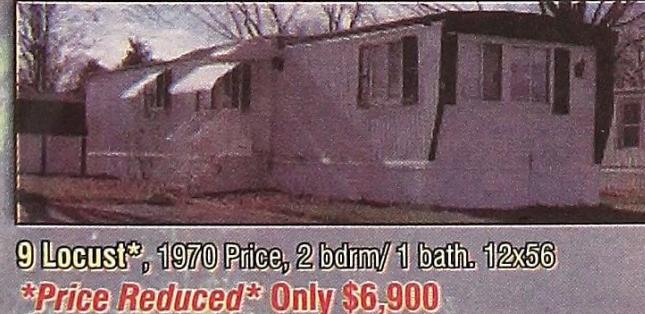
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SPORTS



London goalie fends off a shot by Whaler Tim Sestito in game four last week. London won the game but fell to Plymouth, 4-1, last Thursday to win the conference title. Photo by Ken Garner

Whalers head to championship

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Plymouth Whalers clinched the Western Conference crown with a 4-1 victory against the Knights last Thursday in London.

The win pits the Whalers against the Sudbury Wolves in the Ontario Hockey League Championship series that starts on Friday in Plymouth. It is the fifth time in the Whaler's 17-year history the team has reached the finals. The team's only championship came in 1995.

Hot goaltending from Michal Neuvirth and tough penalty killing led to the final conference victory last week.

Neuvirth was on point again and stopped 45-of-46 shots. That makes 183 saves for the rookie in the London series alone, which boosts his save percentage to .953.

Whaler penalty killers were 10-for-11 on the night and played shorthanded, 3-on-5, four different times in the contest. They allowed only one

goal by Sergei Kostitsyn in the first period.

On offense, Plymouth was just as productive. They took a 2-0 lead to start the first period. Tom Sestito scored the first one when he tipped in a pass from Dan Collins. Then Collins put one by OHL Goalie of the Year Steve Mason for the 2-0 advantage.

Wes Cunningham scored on a shorthanded attempt at 18:18 of the second period when he took a feed from Andrew Fournier. Mason got some of the puck but it trickled over the line. Collins added an empty-netter in the final minute of play to put the game away.

The London Knights extended the Western conference championship series when they defeated host Plymouth, 5-2, on Tuesday night in game 4.

The Knights escaped being swept away like dust bunnies under the bed with the victory. After allowing 14 of 15 Whaler goals scored in the first three games, Mason proved why he

was named Goalie of the Year. He stopped 50 of 52 Whaler shots to secure the victory for his Knights.

On top of that, Sam Gagner scored two goals and notched an assist to help keep London in the hunt for the conference crown. Scoring threat Patrick Kane tallied once and assisted on two others for London while Josh Beaulieu and David Meckler had single-goal games.

Plymouth got goals from Evan Brophey and captain Steve Ward.

The complete championship schedule is as follows:

Game 1 – 7:05 pm on Friday, May 4 at Plymouth
Game 2 – 3:00 pm on Sunday, May 6 at Plymouth
Game 3 – 7:30 pm on Tuesday, May 8 at Sudbury
Game 4 – 7:30 pm on Wednesday, May 9 at Sudbury
Game 5 – 7:05 pm on Friday, May 11 at Plymouth
Game 6 – 3:00 pm on Sunday, May 13 at Sudbury
Game 7 – 7:05 pm on Tuesday, May 15 at Plymouth



James Neal makes a move against Scott Aarsseen last Thursday's loss. The Whalers won the series and will play for the league championship against Sudbury, starting on Friday in Plymouth. Photo by Ken Garner

Lady 'Stangs move to 12-0-1

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Northville Lady Mustang softball team remained undefeated when they won the Saline Tournament during the weekend.

The squad didn't allow a single run during the four-game tourney. In the end that's what would win the tournament for Northville.

After beating Wyandotte (6-0), Saline (3-0) and Allen Park (7-0), the Lady 'Stangs landed in the championship game against Monroe—ranked as Honorable Mention (top 15 in the state for Division I) in the preseason. The decision was a 0-0 eight-inning tie that was called because of darkness. However, because Northville didn't allow any runs in the tournament and Monroe gave up two, the Mustangs were crowned victors.

"Jenna Dumbleton (Northville) and Jessica Irwin (Monroe) both pitched amazing," said Northville Coach Teryn Chrzanowski. "It was truly a pitcher's duel. Monroe is the best team we've played against this year. Irwin has a ton of speed, a tough rise ball and curve ball. It was an awesome game to be a part of. Both teams have tremendous respect for the other and the fans gave both teams a standing ovation at the end of the game. It truly was a test for us and our girls showed that they can compete with anyone."

Dumbleton, who was 6-0 on the season up to that point, only gave up three hits with five strikeouts and no base on balls.

Elise Fleishaker was 1-for-3 with a double and Kelsey Whelan was 1-for-2 with a single for

Northville.

Dumbleton pitched a three-hitter with six strikeouts in the second game, beating Saline, 3-0.

"Jenna was on her game," Chrzanowski said. "She was in control."

On Offense, Sophomore Sarah Rounser was 2-for-3 with a double and a single. Alex Kaszuba was also 2-for-3 with two base hits. Allison Holmes had two RBI and Kelsey Lewis, one.

"The girls played awesome," Chrzanowski said. "Saline is a tough team, with a good pitcher. Defensively, the girls played perfectly. Offensively, they stayed disciplined at the plate and we had some key hits and Fleishaker did a great job getting the sacrifice bunts down when we needed them."

Holmes (6-0) earned her fifth and sixth victories in the tournament.

She opened up with a five-hitter, fanning nine batters, to win the first game against Wyandotte, 6-0.

"Allison pitched awesome," her coach said. "She was hitting her spots and used all her pitches well. Emma (Wise), Sarah (Rounser), and Alex (Kaszuba) were seeing the ball well and were crushing the ball. It was truly a team win; everyone contributed."

Wise was 2-for-2 with two doubles and an RBI. Kaszuba was 2-for-3 with an RBI and Rounser had a single and triple with two RBI.

Holmes went on to pitch a one-hitter against Allen Park in the third game of the day.

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Lady Mustang Kelsey Lewis slides into home on Saturday as Northville won the Saline tournament by not allowing a single run in four games.

SPORTS

Georgia State welcomes Romulus volleyball star

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Another Eagle is about to leave the nest.

Come fall, senior volleyball player Alysa Long will leave her hometown of Romulus for Atlanta, GA and trade in her Eagle jersey for the colors of the Georgia State University Panthers.

Last week, the volleyball standout signed her National Letter of Intent to play on a full scholarship for the Panthers—the first Eagle to do so since men's basketball player Kevin Thomas in 2001.

"I'm proud of her," said her mother, Kimberly Long. "She's really worked hard for this. I have some mixed emotions about her going so far away. I'm ready to deal with it and to help her out in any way that I can. I'm confident that she will be fine."

Long has a 'killer' instinct along with unmatched athletic ability.

The 6-foot middle player, who can vertically jump-touch higher than 10 feet, averaged six blocking kills a game in league matches and about 11 kills on attack a game, according to Romulus Coach Mike Hunter.

He said she also has a great jump serve with a lot of topspin, scoring and an average of four points a game that way. She accumulated more than 1,100 kills in her high school career and was 63-45 in her three years at Romulus.

"Alysa is a player that I had the pleasure to coach here since she was a freshman," Hunter said. "We saw a great person in her in being able to jump and attack the ball. She blocked more balls than I have coached here since 2000.

"She is a great person to be around—a real bubbly, nice person," he added. "When it really came down to business and focusing on the game she was right there always bringing her best game. She always works hard and you know that you can always count on her."

Although Long had played basketball and ran track pretty much her entire childhood, it wasn't until about the eighth grade when she took on her new venture. It wasn't until recently that she decided to take it more seriously and attempt to play at the next level.

Between her sophomore and junior years she started going to camps and doing some off-season training in her new sport. When she came back as a junior you could really see a tremendous difference, Hunter said.

"The biggest change was her understanding the game," he said. "She's a middle volleyball player that works harder than anyone else because they block on both sides here. We also have them run all of the plays—they do all of the work."

The Lady Eagles went 9-3 in the league because of her offensive skills. Hunter isn't the only one impressed with Long.

"Alysa will walk in the door as one of the most athletic volleyball players in



Romulus volleyball star signed her National Letter of Intent to play at Georgia State University on a full scholarship last week at Romulus high School.

program history," said GSU Coach Webster. "She has a tremendous upside when it comes to the amount of room for growth she has as a volleyball player, but I ultimately see her as someone that can develop into a tremendous force for us as we continue in the Colonial Athletic Association."

Last year Long was selected to a national AAU team and by August she had decided that volleyball was the sport for her—even though she had other

schools contacting her for basketball.

"I think I'm better at volleyball even though I started in eighth grade compared to the other sports that I was doing practically my whole life," she said. "When the volleyball season got closer I realized that I wanted to play volleyball more. I enjoyed it more than basketball and I'm better at it."

While at GSU, Long—a Romulus

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SPORTS**Bye, bye Western Lakes
WLAA, KLC merge into one**

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Two separate high school athletics entities—the Western Lakes Activities Association (WLAA) and the Kensington Valley Conference (KVC)—are now one.

Discussions of a possible merger of the two organizations finally came to fruition on Thursday night when the principals and representatives from both associations approved the union and formed the Kensington Lakes Activities Association (KLAA).

The inaugural season is slated to start at the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year.

The KLAA will consist of 24 schools split into two conferences, Kensington and Lakes, and four divisions—South, Central, North and West.

The questionable economic era was a major contributor to the merger, according to Sue Heinzman, Athletic Director at Canton High School.

"I think it is going to afford us more opportunities to play teams closer," she said. "Because of the economy at this point and the price of gas—and we don't see school funding improving drastically—everything is being filtered down and pared down."

The South division of the

Kensington Conference will consist of Canton, Wayne Memorial, Plymouth, John Glenn, Livonia Churchill and Livonia Franklin while the Central Division will include Northville, Salem, Livonia Stevenson, Novi, South Lyon and the new South Lyon East high schools.

On the Lakes Conference side, Lakeland; Walled Lake Central, Northern and Western; and the newly added Waterford Kettering and Mott schools will comprise the North Division. On the West Division side is Brighton, Hartland, Howell, Milford, Parker and Pinckney.

Heinzman feels the merger will have a positive affect on scheduling.

"My concern is, that I hadn't run into before, we did not have an opener in football (this year) because nobody wanted to play Canton," she said. "Now we have an association where that will be taken care of because we will have a team to play within that association. I think there are strengths in numbers."

Scheduling formats for the sports programs have not been finalized yet.

"I'm just looking forward to working with Kensington Valley athletics directors," Heinzman added. "They seem like a great group of people."



First-year Ignition captain Novi Marojevic (left) retired last week.
File photo

Ignition captain retires

Novi Marojevic, the Detroit Ignition's first team captain, retired from the Major Indoor Soccer League last week after eight successful seasons.

Marojevic, 34, will focus on opportunities outside of soccer, he said. He joined the Ignition through the 2006 MISL Expansion Draft and was named the team's captain in November.

"I want to thank the fans for their tremendous support and the entire Detroit Ignition organization for everything throughout the season," said Marojevic. "This was a very difficult decision for me but I look forward to returning to my wife Jadranka and my son Marko. I will miss the game but I am excited about the opportunities and challenges I will face down the road."

Marojevic finished third on

the Ignition in scoring during

the 2006-07 season with 12

goals and 19 assists for 45

points. The former all-star posted

career regular season totals of 155 goals and 111 assists for

382 points over eight seasons.

The Niksic, Montenegro native debuted in the MISL with the

Kansas City Comets in 1996.

Mustangs

FROM PAGE 10

Brittany Birdsall was a force on offense, going 3-for-3 with three RBI. Wise was 2-for-3 and had a stolen base along with Rounser, who went 2-for-4 with 2 RBIs.

On Friday, Northville got past Walled Lake Western, 7-2.

Dumbleton earned that win with nine strikeouts. Rounser was a perfect 3-for-3 almost completing a full cycle with a single, double and a triple with an intentional walk. Birdsall went 2-for-3 with three RBIs and Kaszuba was 2-for-3 with two RBIs.

Northville hosts Wayne Memorial at 4 p.m. on Friday and heads to Sterling Heights for the Michigan Stars Classic tournament on Saturday and Sunday. Then they head to Plymouth on Monday for a 4 p.m. meeting and host John Glenn at 4 p.m. on Wednesday.

Mustangs top Western

It only took the Northville baseball team five innings to score 24 runs to Walled Lake Western's two on Friday.

Drew LeFresne contributed with a grand slam and had six RBIs. Matt Deacon had a home run with three RBIs.

The Northville boys are at Wayne at 4 p.m. on Friday and Southgate at 10 a.m. on Saturday. They return home to host Plymouth at 4 p.m. on Monday but head to John Glenn at 4 p.m. on Wednesday.

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SPORTS**Long**

FROM PAGE 11

Honor Roll student—plans on studying business with a focus on accounting.

Although she said she would miss Romulus, Long can't wait to get to Georgia.

"At first I wanted to be kind of close because of food," she joked. "But then I

realized I wanted to go further away. When they first called I was really excited because Georgia sounds so fun."

"I liked the whole urban setting and the coaches and the players," she added. "I really got along with them. I really liked their academic program—they have a great business program."

It's no surprise that the self-described, aggressive-yet-calm player was headed for an athletic scholarship. Athleticism runs deep in the Long family.

Her uncle, John Long, had a stellar

NBA career as did her cousins Grant Long and Terry Mills.

The scholarship is a blessing for the whole family.

"I'm glad all of her hard work and listening to her coaching staff over the years and club volleyball has paid off," said her father Emery Long. "It feels like my investment has matured so-to speak."

He said that it was her hard work ethic, especially the last eight or nine months, and playing under Coach Hunter's direction that got her to this

level.

"(Coach Hunter) told me when she first started playing that she could possibly be able to excel at volleyball and if she wanted to succeed she should concentrate on the sport more itself," he said. "I took heed to his words and this is what came of it. I want to thank him for bringing that to my attention."

Long proved that she can play and now she's ready to head to Georgia.

"I'm just excited," she said. "I can't wait to go there and start playing."

More sports**Belleville loses two starters**

The Belleville Lady Tigers lost another starter last week when senior shortstop Hillary Ivan went down with a knee injury. She is expected to miss the rest of the season, according to Belleville Coach Peggy Curtis. First baser Kendall Acho might also be out for the season after having minor knee surgery two weeks ago.

Despite the losses the Lady Tigers

still managed to beat archrival Southgate last week, 4-1, before the torrential downpours cancelled most games in the middle of the week.

On Thursday, the team lost to Taylor Kennedy in a 2-1 decision in make-up game from earlier in the season. The Lady Tigers also beat host Lumen Christi, 2-0 on Saturday. Sophomore hurler Samantha Cole pitched a two-hitter in the game, striking out 13.

**NOTICE
CITY OF ROMULUS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST**

Pursuant to .and by authority conferred upon me by the Secretary of State by Section 794C of Act No. 116 of the Public Act of 1954, as amended, notice is hereby given that a Public Accuracy Test shall be conducted by the Election Commission of the City of Romulus at 3:00 p.m. Friday, May 4, 2007 in the City Clerk's Office, 11111 South Wayne Road, for the purpose of certifying the programs to be used in the counting devices which will be utilized to process Absentee Ballots in the May 8, 2007 Annual School Election. Said Meeting is open to the public and any concerned citizen may attend.

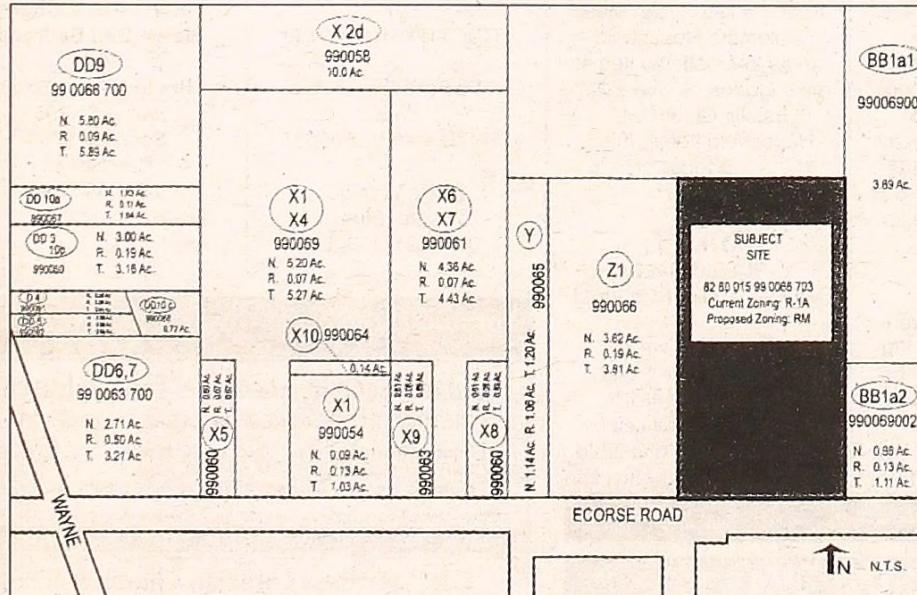
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**CITY OF ROMULUS
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING**

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended (The Michigan Zoning Enabling Act), notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at **7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 21, 2007**, for the purpose of considering a proposed rezoning request. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

The Planning Commission has set the public hearing to consider the rezoning of 4.69+acres **DP# 82-80-015-99-0068-703** of R1-A, Single Family Residential District property to RM, Multiple-Family Low-Rise District. The subject property is located on the north side of Ecorse Road between Wayne and Henry Ruff Roads. Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.



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1. Obituaries

SCHALL, Florence C., died on April 29, 2007. She is survived by 4 sons, Frederick, Thomas, Paul and Joseph; a daughter, Barbara, 14 grandchildren; 1 great grandchild; a brother Raymond; 2 sisters, Muriel and Margaret. She is predeceased by her husband Frederick T. Funeral services were held at Bongiovanni Funeral Home in Raritan, NJ. Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in East Orange, NJ. Final arrangements were entrusted to Bongiovanni Funeral Home, LLC.

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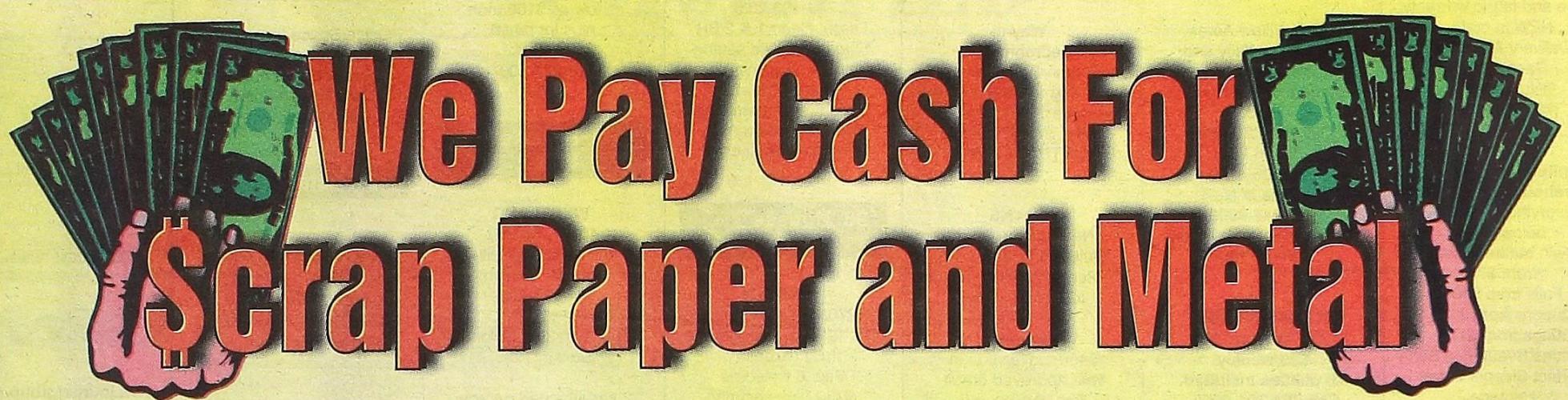
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